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1. SUMMARY: IN COURSE OF US-EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, QUAI OFFICIAL ASKED USG VIEWS ON LIKELY EVOLUTION IN CYPRUS SITUATION, AND REVEALED THAT EC IS WORKING ON DEMARCHE TO GREEKS, TURKS AND CYPRIOTS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE EC CONCERN THAT COMMUNAL TALKS NOT BREAK DOWN. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ITS REACTION TO DE MARGERIE'S POINTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH DE MARGERIE (QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) DECEMBER 3, POLCOUNSELOR DREW ON COMMENTS CONCERNING GREECE CONTAINED IN PARA 3C OF REFTEL. DE MARGERIE LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND AT END OF POLCOUNSELOR'S PRESENTATION SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND FIRST IN CAPACITY AS QUAI REP RATHER THAN IN ROLE OF FRENCH EC PRESIDENCY. HE SAID FRENCH ARE TROUBLED BY INDICATIONS OF A HARDENING TURKISH LINE REGARDING CYPRUS. THE RETURN OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO CYPRUS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT THAT IS SEEN AS "PROVOCATIVE" BY SOME TURKS. DE MARGERIE WONDERED WHAT THESE TURKS MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATING: ANOTHER INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY APPEARS INCREASINGLY THREATENED? DE MARGERIE SAID HE HAS NOTED INDICATIONS THAT TURKS MAY BE THINKING OF TAKING ACTIONS OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT OF CYPRUS. FOR EXAMPLE, DE MARGERIE MENTIONED SITUATION IN AEGEAN SEA -- A REFERENCE TO TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY FOCUSING ON ISLANDS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO MAIN-LAND TURKEY. DE MARGERIE SAID THE GOF WOULD BE INTERESTED IN US VIEWS OF LIKELY EVOLUTION IN CYPRUS SITUATION.

3. SPEAKING IN NAME OF FRENCH EC PRESIDENCY, DE MARGERIE SAID THAT EC NINE ARE CONTEMPLATING A NEW DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS SITUATION. PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR SUCH DEMARCHE -- APPARENTLY PREPARED BY FRENCH -- WAS CIRCULATED BY GOF TO EC NINE ON DECEMBER 2. SO FAR, FRENCH HAVE NOT RECEIVED RESPONSES FROM ALL THEIR ALLIES. DE MARGERIE SAID THAT EC DEMARCHE WOULD BE DESIGNED TO EXPRESS CON-CERN IN ATHENS, ANKARA, AND NICOSIA THAT ONGOING CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD NOT BREAK DOWN. DE MARGERIE WENT ON TO SAY THAT SOME "UNRULY ELEMENTS" AMONG GREEK CYPRIOTS MIGHT GET OUT OF HAND AND SOME ELEMENTS ON THE TURKISH SIDE MIGHT JUST BE WAITING FOR EXCUSE TO LAUNCH A FURTHER TURKISH INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. DE MARGERIE SAID THAT EC NINE HAVE REMAINED QUIET FOR A LONG TIME REGARDING THE CYPRUS SITUATION BUT THAT THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME FOR A CON-STRUCTIVE EC NINE DEMARCHE. DE MARGERIE SAID THAT HE

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WOULD PREFER TO SEE EC DEMARCHE DONE QUICKLY (E.G., BEFORE MAKARIOS ARRIVES IN CYPRUS), ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HIS EC-EIGHT ALLIES WOULD RESPOND RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO PUT THIS DEMARCHE ON THE ROAD.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED ABOVE, DE MARGERIE HAS ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS ON THE GROWING TENSIONS IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE WITH DE MARGERIE ON THIS SUBJECT, AND RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE US WITH ITS REACTION TO DE MARGERIE'S POINTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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